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SUBJECT: FINAL VERSION OF THE REPORT ON THE INTEROPERA-
BILITY AND SECURITY OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS IN NATO

REF: USNATO 1032

1. YOU MAY AGREE THE ATTACHMENT TO AC/259-D/553, AC/270-D/
132, AC/284-D/9, DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1977, SUBJECT TO THE
FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

A. MODIFY THE THIRD SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 72 TO READ:
"ELEMENTS OF TRI-TAC ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND SUFFICIENT
EQUIPMENT WILL BE PRODUCED TO PERMIT A UNITED STATES CORPS
TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIPPED IN 1982."

B. MODIFY PARAGRAPH 75 BY SUBSTITUTING "TRI-TAC" FOR
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"THEIR INTERIM SYSTEM, ATACS" AND "THE INTERIM SYSTEM,
ATACS" FOR "TRI-TAC."

2. IT IS APPARENT THAT SOME OF THOSE CONCERNED ARE UNDER
THE IMPRESSION THAT JTIDS WILL MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR
ECM-RESISTANT COMMUNICATIONS. JTIDS WILL MEET CERTAIN
DATA COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS. INCORPORATION OF THE

AMENDMENTS SET FORTH BELOW COULD SERVE TO CLARIFY THE

SITUATION. WHILE US AGREEMENT IS NOT CONTINGENT ON THEIR INCORPORATION, ACCEPTANCE SHOULD BE SOUGHT IF SUCH ACTION WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY DELAY FORWARDING OF THE REPORT.

A. MODIFY PARAGRAPH 4(E) OF THE SUMMARY AND PARAGRAPH 109 OF THE REPORT TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION TO THE ECM PROBLEM OF ALL SERVICES WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE ADOPTION OF ECM-RESISTANT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN FRANCE, GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES HAVE ALREADY PROPOSED THAT NATO ACCEPT THEIR SYSTEM, THE JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS), AS A BASIS FOR ECM-RESISTANT COMMUNICATIONS IN NATO WHICH MIGHT ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE IDENTIFICATION, NAVIGATION, AND POSITION LOCATION PROBLEMS. THIS PROPOSAL IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY THE NATIONS. HOWEVER, THE INTRODUCTION OF SUCH A SYSTEM COULD CREATE FURTHER INTEROPERABILITY PROBLEMS UNLESS ADOPTED THROUGHOUT NATO."

B. MODIFY THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 37 OF THE REPORT BY INSERTING THE WORD "DATA" BETWEEN THE WORDS "CONTROL" AND "COMMUNICATIONS."

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